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In a counterpart Japanese application, the Japanese Patent Office asserted the following:

In JP 06-314698, it would have been obvious to make the concentration of nitrogen 50 atm% or less in the titanium nitride considering an adhesivity or a resistivity. In JP 06-325869, it would have been easily conceived to use a titanium film or a titanium nitride film in place of Cr which is provided between a silicon active layer and an aluminum wiring connected with a transparent electrode which constitutes an EL element. Further, in JP 06-325869, it would have been obvious to make the nitrogen concentration 50 atm% or less in the titanium nitride depending upon a desired adhesivity and a resistivity.

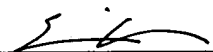
JP 06-232129 is in the family of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,804,878 and 6,608,353, and U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2002/0179969, 2004/0023445 and 2004/0051102.

JP 06-314698, 06-260500, 06-260650, 06-314784 and 06-314786 are in the family of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/205,300, filed March 3, 1994, now abandoned. Copies of the specification, claims, abstract and drawings from the '300 application are also submitted herewith.

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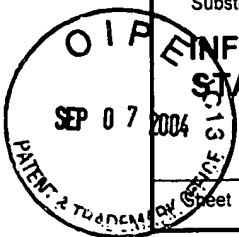
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